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NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your helpful comments on the proposed instructions for the Law of the Sea Conference. The thought and attention which have gone into them is evident.

You will shortly receive a draft memorandum to the President forwarding the proposed instructions and agency comments and setting out my own recommendations. I would plan to send the memorandum with its attachments this Friday.

The proposed instructions and agency comments have sharply focused the issues for decision. They have also greatly narrowed the remaining agency differences. I therefore believe that it is not necessary to have a meeting of the Under Secretaries Committee. If you feel that a meeting is essential please let me know immediately. Please let me know also if you have any suggestions concerning the draft memorandum.

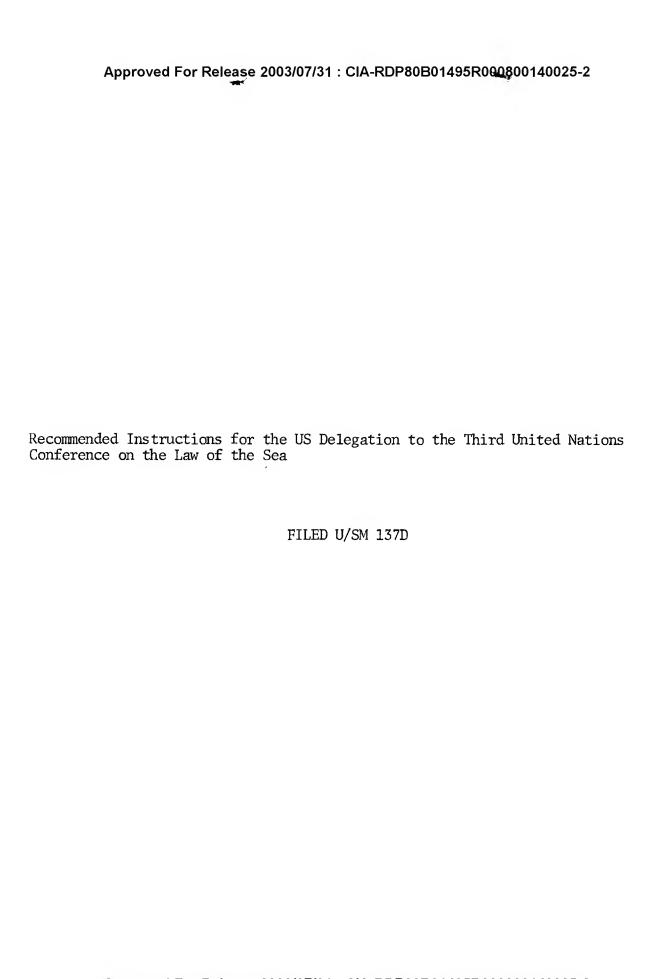
Sincerely,

Kenneth Rush Chairman

The Honorable W. E. Colby,

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